



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00pm, March 6, 2002
Room A, Hillview Community Center
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Chairperson Lin called meeting to order at 7:12pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lin, Commissioners Chafey, Friedland, Hoa, Keats, Lorell, Samani, Tsien
Absent: Commissioners Garcia, Miller, Wu

Public Comment – none

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the February 6, 2002 meeting were unavailable.

Discussion

New Business

1. **Skate Park** – Before discussing a better Los Altos Skate Park, Commissioner Samani wanted to know if the current temporary skate park is used. Robert Acosta replied that the Skate Park gets good use during the summer months. Commission felt that if there was a need then the commission should try to address it. **Motion by Commissioner Samani to direct Recreation Staff to contact other cities and see what they are doing about Skate Parks. Second by Commissioner Tsien. Unanimous.**
2. **Underground Teen Center** – Commissioner Samani felt that the main problem at the Underground was a lack of a restroom. Robert Acosta informed commission that there were plans to get restroom access at The Underground. **Motion by Commissioner Lorell to try to arrange a meeting with the Parks, Arts & Recreation Commission to discuss Underground improvements. Second by Commissioner Tsien. Unanimous.**
3. **Battered Woman's Shelter – Commissioner Samani** – Still got no return call from the battered Woman's Shelter in San Jose. Contacted a shelter that covers the Los Altos/Palo Alto/Mountain View area and was told that anyone who volunteers must have 40 hours of training. Finally, contacted the San Jose Family Shelter and they need help with food serving during the week and on Saturday. There are also many activities that can be done during the week. Commissioners are all interested in doing this project. Commissioner Samani will have specific information at the next meeting.
4. **Visiting Other Commissions** – Commissioner Friedland, Lin, Lorell and Wu visited the Cupertino Teen Commission on February 11. There was the feeling that they had a more direct link to their City Council than the Los Altos Youth Commission did. There was a council member present at the meeting. Commissioner Lorell suggested maybe having a Council member attend a Youth Commission meeting. Commission would like information about Youth Commission meetings in San Jose, Santa Clara & Mountain View at the March 18 meeting.

Old Business

5. **Survey** – Committee has not met. This issue was tabled.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.